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State of California  
Department of Water Resources  
Div. of Integrated Regional Water Management/FAB  
P.O. Box 942836  
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**Attention: Rolf Frankenbach**

***Submitted via electronic mail***

**SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON DRAFT PROPOSITION 84 PLANNING  
GRANT ROUND 2 PROPOSAL SOLICITATION PACKAGE**

Dear Mr. Frankenbach:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Draft  
Proposition 84 Planning Grant Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP)  
Round 2.

Rancho California Water District has reviewed the Draft PSP and offers  
the following comments:

1. DWR has indicated that "at least 2 months" would be provided from the release of the Final PSP to when applications are due. However, once again we are heading into the holiday season, which impacts the available time for agency staff or their consultants to prepare a comprehensive and responsive application in the timeframe allowed. The Christmas and New Year's Day holidays lend to agencies/consultants either taking extended time off or closing the entire week between the two holidays. Therefore, we respectfully request that additional time be provided due to the Final PSP being released just before the holidays, and extend the due date to "at least 3 months" from the release of the Final PSP.
2. When reviewing the PSP, the first thing we do is identify the following key items and list them on the front of the PSP for a quick reference:
  - a. Application Due Date
  - b. Anticipated Award Date
  - c. Available Funding and Maximum Award
  - d. Resolution Requirements
  - e. Point of Contact



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It would be beneficial to prospective applicants to have this information at-a-glance on the front cover, and beneficial for DWR so that the prospective applicant does not miss this important information. Alternatively, a table could be developed in the “Foreword” to include these items, rather than in paragraphs, as well as other key items as determined by DWR. For an example, see the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Funding Opportunity Announcements, which include a “Synopsis” table with this type of key information.

3. At the November 8, 2011 Public Meeting to discuss the Draft PSP, Joe Yun indicated that the interregional funding split (two regions submitting a joint application) had not yet been determined. It would be essential for the PSP to identify how this split would be determined so that each region or the project proponents would know their commitment to a funding match and how much would be allocated to their region.
4. Interregional planning is first mentioned under Section I. Introduction, and then again in Section II. Eligibility, but is not defined. “Interregional” is also not yet included or defined in the Proposition 84 & Proposition 1E IRWM Guidelines. For many, this terminology is new. Therefore, including the definition of what DWR considers an “interregional proposal or project” in the PSP would be clear and valuable in preparing an application.
5. Section III.B Funding Match should include clarification that the required 25% funding match for individual projects that are DACs can be waived as long as the total overall proposal meets the 25% match requirement.
6. Table 2, Page 9: February 2011 should be February 2012, and April 2011 should be April 2012.
7. Table 3, Page 13, Q8 Eligibility: ...”listed in Q9 above” should read “listed in Q9 below.”
8. Attachment 4. Budget, page 16: This section indicates that “Submittal of lump sum amounts for tasks and subtasks will not be sufficient.” However, Joe Yun has indicated that DWR may accept lump sum if the basis is well substantiated. This should be indicated in the language in this section, and include what DWR would accept as sufficient substantiation.
9. Finally, when is DWR going to eliminate the duplicative requirement of submitting hard copies in addition to the application being submitted via BMS?



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Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments. Please contact me at [landstedtd@ranchowater.com](mailto:landstedtd@ranchowater.com) or (951) 296-6916 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

**RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT**

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